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RE: Further Explanation - Petition To Make Special
Direct Clarification For 10/081,036
MPEP 708.02, XI / 37 CFR 102 (C)

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Dear Reinhard J. Eisenzoph:

The CARDONE system contributes to the countering of terrorism by limiting identification fraud. It creates a secure form of ID by linking the ID to a Federal Database and to a biometric. This secure form of ID operates as an ID, a ticket, boarding pass and baggage claim. This secure form of ID is read at a series of checkpoints within the Airport. The CARDONE system only permits cardholders to pass checkpoints if all other points prior have been validated and cleared. Each checkpoint has a separate validation and process, which is updated onto the card at that point. No further checkpoints may be cleared if one checkpoint was not successfully accomplished and cleared. At one checkpoint, a Federal Database will be utilized to eliminate Passengers who are not legally permitted to fly commercially.

This system ties the cardholder to the card, making fraud virtually impossible. It links the passenger directly to their ticket purchase, their baggage and their flight; even when purchasing tickets with cash. This system creates a series of layers which must be overcome in a series of steps (checkpoints) which eliminate identity fraud, ticket exchange, wanted criminals from travel and other persons who may create terrorist acts from gaining clearance to fly. These unidentified or falsely identified persons may create a terrorist act, such as air piracy, which directly leads to the degradation of National Security.

This system directly limits the usage of paper documents. The card eliminates the need of paper, ink and power necessary to produce and distribute paper documentation. The forms are tickets, boarding passes, baggage claim receipts and documents related to the act of commercial travel. These documents and their updates will now be placed directly onto the card by the system. The conservation of these materials directly aids in the delay of environmental degradation which hinders the cultivation of natural resources, trees and power generation which in turn enhances the quality of the environment through resource protection practices otherwise known as conservation. Soil erosion is prevented by the preservation of trees. These trees create oxygen, which keeps air life sustaining. The discontinuation of these printable materials contributes directly to the restoration of these areas where these trees would be harvested, and to the overall good Earth.

I hope this clarifies your questions. Thank you for taking the time to be so thorough. If further explanation is necessary please feel free to contact me as soon as possible.

Best wishes,


Wesley Eugene Kendall